

**REMARKS**

This amendment is made for purposes of placing the application in condition for allowance.

In the Advisory Action mailed October 17, 2007, claim 7, 10 and 11 were identified as being allowable. In order to accelerate prosecution, but not to prejudice the applicant's ability to pursue claimed subject matter in a continuing application, all claims other than allowable claims 7, 10, and 11 have now been canceled. Cancelation of these claims makes moot any and all outstanding objections or rejections.

As noted in the amendment filed September 4, 2007, claim 7 as amended clearly defines over the patent to Fujiwara. A feature of claim 7 is "to form the transparent coat layer with respect to the designated area according to a result of area extraction by analysis of the digital data". Based on this requirement, it is now apparent that the "asperities" of the transparent coat layer do not reflect the unevenness of the surface of the recording medium on which the image is recorded. This feature is not shown in Fujiwara and would not be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art from Fujiwara, as Fujiwara does not show extraction and digital analysis of a designated area. Even if it was presumed (incorrectly) that whatever contours the image has would inherently be transferred to the protective layer, the unevenness of the contours of the image has no relation with the asperities according to the texture of the material of the objects in Fujiwara. In addition, since the "asperities" on the transparent coat layer do not reflect the unevenness on the surface of the recording medium on which the image is recorded, the "asperities" on the transparent coat layer are not the contours transferred to the protective layer.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the

undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

If any extensions of time are required to gain entry of this amendment or the accompanying RCE, provisional petition therefore is hereby made. Please charge additional fees (if any) for a provisional petition of extension of time, any deficiencies in fees, and credit any overpayment of fees for the petition or for entry of this amendment to Attorneys' Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis, Christofferson & Cook P.C.).

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